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THEFTS AND DESTRUCTIONS OF OPTICAL FIBRE CABLES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the cases of thefts and destruction of Optical Fibre Cables in the country especially in the competitive areas of private telecom operators;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the number of cases detected in semiurban and urban areas where private operators have launched their services or in the process of launching such services?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) Sir, there are very few theft cases of Optical Fiber Cables (OFC) in BSNL.However,there have been frequent damage of OFC in some Circles mainly due to road widening/digging activities by NHAI, state agencies such as PWD, Forest Deptt., Irrigation Deptt. and Private Telecom Operators.

There are no theft cases of Optical Fiber Cables in MTNL.

(b) Circlewise details of damages during last year (2007-08) is given in the Annexure.

(c) No of OFC damage cases detected during the year 2007-08 by BSNL are:

Semi Urban Areas: 993 Urban Areas: 446 Total : 1439